



## 2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name:	rana Senn	Legisiative	e aistrict:	41
You are a candidate	for: House of Representatives	Senate		
If you are a candidate which position are y	te for the House of Represent rour running for?	atives, Position 1	Position 2	
or served on a local governments includ	nt background elected or appointed to a loca government board, committe le cities, counties, public utilit tion districts, port districts, an	e, or as staff? Local ty districts, school	on, Yes □	No
If yes, in what capacity I served as a Mercer	? Island City Council member fror	m 2011-2014		
<ul> <li>increase fees on service have been restored. He unfunded mandates aritems:</li> <li>Changes in liquor to supported essential</li> <li>Sweeping and diversion from the nationally operating; and</li> </ul>	nters fiscal problems, legislators tees provided to cities to fill the sowever, during the last recession of other local government cost of ax and profit distributions result al local services, such as public enting over \$1 billion in local utilities acclaimed Public Works Trust Fray training fees for officers attempts.	tate's budget deficit. R on, the Legislature enactivers remained unadding in losses of nearly safety; by taxes, real estate tax and (PWTF) that help	ecently, some eted cuts and dressed, incl \$200 million tes, and proj s keep local	ne shared revenues d diversions, while uding the following in funds that ect loan repayments infrastructure
locally-shared reven	ppose the Legislature continuous or revenues intended for balance the state's operating	capital	rt <b>Oppos</b> e	•

Briefly describe one or more actions that you would take to ensure your views on these issues are accounted for by your caucus and in a final budget.

I have served as the Chair of the Bi-partisan Local Government Caucus in the House trying to bring issues like these to the forefront in order to build support to change them. I have successfully restored some marijuana revenues and will continue to work to ensure local governments have more flexibility and options for revenue.

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health issues.

Cities face many challenges when repairing and updating critical infrastructure such as drinking water and sewer systems. Historically, the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF), a revolving loan fund, was a significant source for financing infrastructure. As the state wrestled first with a recession and then with the *McCleary* education funding challenges, legislators repeatedly turned to diverting these funds and leaving nothing in their place. Since 2013, nearly all of the tax revenues deposited into the PWTF were diverted to the state's education funding account instead. Those revenues were scheduled to come back to the PWTF in 2019, but the revenue diversions were extended another four years.

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Would you support or oppose a budget that diverted more resources Support Oppose from the PWTF to address state general fund obligations?
Do you believe that it is part of the state's obligation to help fund critical local infrastructure, especially when taxes and fees raised to do so in 1985 continue to be levied?
As a lawmaker, how will you work to secure the revitalization of the PWTF and protect it from future raids?  I will continue to advocate for the Public Works Trust Fund. These are dollars that are put to use to benefit small communities with critical infrastructure needs. The investments provide a critical return, helping businesses locate and expand, neighborhoods grow and communities stay healthy and safe.
3. Homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health  Across the state, housing costs are rising and affordability issues are impacting homebuyers and renters, as well as exacerbating the already critical homelessness problems in many communities. Mental health service are stretched thin and cities (not normally in the business of providing these particular social services) find themselves increasingly trying to help residents and keep their communities safe and secure. Cities have a strong desire to work together with the state, counties, business, nonprofit, and faith communities to help address these challenges. We continue to seek financing, regulatory, and funding tools to help.
Which of the following are priorities for you? Choose all that apply.  Help to end homelessness YES  Ensure adequate mental health services for those in need YES  Provide tools to help control the spiraling cost of housing YES
Would you support or oppose a proposal for the state to override local zoning or density decisions to promote more affordability in housing construction?
Please elaborate on what you suggest doing to address one or more of these issues:

I am working to reduce condominium liability to allow for the building of affordable condominiums. I have chaired the Children's Mental Health Workgroup to ensure we are getting upstream in addressing mental

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Economic development opportunities vary greatly across the state. Some communities have deteriorating commercial or industrial areas or lack the needed infrastructure for critical development, and others lack access to adequate broadband services. AWC supports expansion of current programs and funding, including expansion of state Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) and Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) programs as options to incentivize economic development and support job creation.

Would you support or oppose legislation that expands the financing Support Oppose options available to local governments for economic development?

What other ideas do you have for bolstering the state's economic development opportunities?

I believe that we need to continue to address access and affordability of childcare in order to create a business environment that attracts and retains workers and their families.

## 5. Local control

Cities succeed when they can respond to local residents' unique needs and desired outcomes through exercising local control. The State Constitution and state statutes provide cities with wide discretion in serving their communities. However, the Legislature sometimes considers preempting cities from enacting local ordinances or engaging in certain activities. We believe that the relationship between the state and cities functions best as a partnership, where the state gives careful consideration to the varied conditions of local governments, and appreciates the importance of retaining local flexibility.

Do you believe that local control is important Yes No to ensuring responsive local government?

If you disagree that local control should be preserved, please describe one or more specific issue areas or situations in which the state should preempt local control.

If you agree that local control should be respected, please describe how you would argue for the protection of local control to colleagues who want to preempt local governments.

As I negotiated the Equal Pay Opportunity Act, I went to extreme lengths to ensure that pre-emptions was not part of the final bill. It is critical that we allow jurisdictions local control to foster innovation and be responsive to local concerns.

OR

If you have any questions, please contact Regina Adams, AWC Government Relations Coordinator, at 360-753-4137 or <a href="ReginaA@awcnet.org">ReginaA@awcnet.org</a>. Please return your survey by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 4 by:

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## Thank you for your participation!